

HOUSE BILL 491  
By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 804 of the Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 304 of the Private Acts of 1970 and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the town of Big Sandy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, and acts amendatory thereto is amended in Section 3 by deleting the second sentence of the section and by substituting instead the following:

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall consist of five (5) members.

SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 804 of the Private Acts of 1947, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 6. Be it further enacted, That the Town of Big Sandy shall hold its next election on the second Tuesday in June, 1997 and all city elections are to be henceforth held on the second Tuesday in June. At said election five aldermen and a mayor are to be elected at-large. The two (2) aldermen receiving the most votes shall serve for a term of four (4) years, the others serving until the election of June, 1999. At that election those chosen to be aldermen shall be elected to four (4) year terms. The mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The officers of the town shall assume office at the first meeting after the election in which they are chosen and hold such office until their successors are elected and qualified. To be qualified to vote in town elections a voter

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must be qualified to vote in state and county elections and have been a resident of said town for six (6) months prior to the election or be owner of real property within the town limits.

SECTION 3. Section 10 of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 304 of the Private Acts of 1970, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in paragraph 4 by deleting the paragraph in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

No person shall be eligible for the office of town judge unless such person holds  
a valid law license from the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the town of Big Sandy. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of the town of Big Sandy and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 6. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 5.